Patriots Bury Polar Bears

by Jason Waldeck-staff

Friday night (10/26) was a beautiful night to be out under the stars. It was fine weather in which the Northern seniors and their parents were honored prior to the start of the football game with Red Land.

As far as the game itself is concerned, it was over early as Red Land worked it to Northern 45-0. It was difficult to tell whether the Patriots were treating the Bears to a late "trick or treat" or a very early "stuffing". Northern was simply outclassed. Nothing the Bears did, seemed to go right. Instead they just self-destructed in their final Division II contest of the season. This was a game in which Northern had to click on all cylinders offensively, in order to stay with the front running Patriots. Unfortunately, Northern simply misfired.

The Polar Bears won the toss and decided to defer until the second half. Red Land took the opening kickoff and marched down field, all on the ground, to score in eleven plays. The culprit of this first touchdown was Sophomore Tailback Mike Vermuellen. Please remember the name, folks. Red Land has had a nasty habit of coming up with young talented tailbacks who make life miserable for their opponents. Remember Heath Snell? How about Mike Yinger? Both these gentlemen made their mark early for Red Land, and it appears Mr. Vermuellen is made of the same fiber. Against Northern, on this balmy evening, Mike rushed 16 times for 114 yards and scored three touchdowns.

More damage was done in the first quarter when Red Land defensive back Greg Towbaker intercepted Phil Getty's first toss of the evening and raced it in from 36 yards out giving the Patriots a lead they would never lose.

It was complete domination by Red Land. Look at these stats, rushing the Patriots outdid the Bears 235 yards to 69. Passing, Red Land gained 124 yards to Northern's 9. In first downs, Red Land picked up 20 to Northern's 3. But the one that really hits home, was the fact that Red Land never pinned once in this contest.

Red Land's offense gets a great deal of press, and rightfully so, but their defense was in great form on this night as well. Northern's trio of running backs (Habowski, Fluhr, and Leitzel) could find a hole big enough to even squeeze through. This was a contest in which Northern's passing attack would have to open things up. It didn't happen! For the third straight game Junior QB Phil Getty just had a terrible game. Intercepted four times by the very serious RL defense, the Patriots turned three of these into touchdowns.

So it is that the Polar Bears put this one behind them and work for the final game of the season Friday night Northern will host the Trinity Shamrocks from Division III. This one should go in the Polar Bear win column. Trinity has struggled all year, and finished at the bottom of their division with a 1-6-0 record. The Shamrocks have an overall record of 2-8-0 coming into the last game.

Trinity just does not have the manpower at least I feel, to stay with Northern. Still the Shamrocks have a couple of people who could make things interesting if Northern isn't careful. Jim Urban has good speed, has excellent hands, and is an excellent kick returnman. The main weapon for Trinity, is young Quarterback Jon O'Brien. My sources tell me that Mr. O'Brien can downright throw the ball. If given the time he can hurt you.

The Bears can do themselves proud by getting their act together and show Trinity show their fans, and show themselves that this was a better football team than the record showed. Good luck Bears!

The Bears couldn't score against Red Land all night but did get off several exciting plays.

Photo by David March

A Northern tackler puts the clamp on a Red Land ball carrier.

Photo by David Gobosky

Midget football ends with a win

The midget team ended the year with a win on Saturday, November 3. The team was losing 6-0 at half time.

They came out with a great second half. They won the game 20 to 6. There were some fine jobs done in this game.

The front line did an outstanding job. They were Jeff Weathafer, Shawn Arnold, Clif Dorsey, Steve Gumpher, Otmont Kountlavong, Troy Oyer, Brandon Casper, Chris McDermitt.

They made the hole in which the backs needed for movement of the ball down the field. The backs were Fullback Steve Ritchey, Halfbacks, Josh Kunkle, Josh Reynolds and Patrick Hicks. Steve Ritchey had eight carries for 63 yards. Josh Kunkle had 4 carries for 15 yards. Josh Reynolds had 6 carriers for 45 yards and Patrick Hicks had 10 carries for 114 yards and 3 touchdowns.

The coaches would like to thank Shawn Arnold, who has played fullback all season. He offered to move to tackle for the game due to an injury to Tim Walker. Thank you, Shawn for one great job.

The defense did an outstanding job. The team included end Josh Ingram, tackle Steve Ritchey, Nosegaard, Otmont Kountlavong, tackle, Clif Dorsey and end Jeff Weathafer, outside linebacker, Jesse Manoni and Josh Kunkle, Inside linebackers. Troy Oyer and Shawn Arnold safetys. Josh Reynolds and Patrick Hicks.

At defense, Josh Ingram did an outstanding job at left end. He had 4 tackles and 1 interception and 1 fumble recovery. Steve Ritchey had 3 tackles and 5 assists, Otmont had 4 tackles and 2 assists. Clif Dorsey had 5 tackles and 7 assists. Jesse Manoni had 4 assists, Troy Oyer and Shawn Arnold had 3 tackles and 5 assists each. Troy also had a fumble recovery. Patrick Hicks and Josh Reynolds had 5 assists each.

The coaches would like to thank all the boys who played for the midget team which had their best season this year. They finished 3 and 7, the best in the last five years.

The boys are: Shawn Arnold, Josh Ingram, Josh Reynolds, Patrick Hicks, Josh Kunkle, Tim Walker, Jason Galloway, Steve Ritchey, Otmont Kountlavong, Troy Oyer, Zack Lupold, Danny Perva, Steven Gumpher, Clif Dorsey, Dave Lenhart, Jesse Manoni, Chris McDermitt, Jeff Weathafer, Brandon Carper, Clar Giles, Nathan Shuman and Josh Kimmel. These young men played the game as a team all year long.

The coaches would like to send get well wishes to Tim Walker, who broke an ankle, and to Clar Giles who missed the last game with the chicken pox.

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Purple Haze

by Chris Floht

The odd and unusual highlighted this week at NHS. To the students it was just another week.

The first startling characteristic of the past week was the weather. Last week (10/27), I talked about how cold the weather was. That's the last time I try to predict the weather. Skirts were back in full force this past week. There was even talk of lying out in the sun to get a tan. That game the week the burst it needed to start the week.

Halloween came and went without incident, but trick-or-treating was interesting. Many NHS students got in the act by going door-to-door for candy. It's great to see the child in all of the teens at NHS come out. Some people think that all the high school students just vandalize, but all we really want is some good candy.

This week is the powder puff football game. Those girls really get into this. It's supposed to be flag football, but, often times, it turns into a free-for-all. Last year's game was won by the juniors over the seniors, 7-6. As a junior myself, I look for a victory for the junior class by a score of 12-7.

The football season is now coming to a close and the Bears will close it out with, hopefully, a victory over Trinity. They had a tough one with Red Land this past week, but, then again, Red Land is going to win the division. Good luck guys.

Don't forget, there's a dance after the football game on Friday. I expect to see everybody out there exhibiting their dancing skills.

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Luckily the canine went for the fleeing "suspect" above, Harrisburg officer Frank Angelini, and not the photographer, during last week's American Canine Triathlon in Mercer Township.

Varsity soccer, Bear's record is "best ever"

The 1990 Northern boys varsity soccer squad ended their season with a record of 14-3-1, the best ever posted by the Bears. Two of the losses came at the hands of the Trinity Shamrocks a Division III rival which prevented the team from also repeating as Mid Penn Champions.

Depth was a word often utilized to describe the team, for all seventeen players were able to make significant contributions. The Bears used their collective talents to pile up fourteen victories, including highlight wins over upper division foes Red Land and Mechanicsburg. Northern's efforts gained enough respect to attract an "at large" invitation to the District III AA tournament.

The "at large" berth in the tourney came after the Bears dropped a qualifier game in Bishop McDevitt, 3-1. Northern controlled the play in this one in three of four periods. However the let down in the second period allowed McDevitt to score the game winners. The Bears outshot McDevitt 18-17, but the lone shot to find its' mark was an unassisted goal by high scoring senior, Mario Ceo.

On October 22 the Bears traveled to Northern Lebanon to face York Suburban in round one of district play. Combining their usual short and long passing game the Bears again peppered the opponent with many more shots than our defense allowed. Northern missed on several early opportunities and were deadlocked 1-1 at halftime. The initial Bear goal was by Steve Miller off an assist by Andy Spicher.

It was Ceo scoring the go-ahead goal in the second half, with Drew Sivertring providing the assist. Some top notch goaltending by keeper Eric Sanderson preserved the win.

Second round action took Northern to Carlisle in a make, or break, game. Mennonite came into the contest reputed to be a big squad physically and depth-wise. Both attributes proved correct however the Bears proved to I.M. that Northern belonged in these playoffs. Mennonite used their extraordinary depth to full advantage playing a total of 24 different players in a close contest.

The Northern defense once again turned in an outstanding effort. Jason Herbst, Drew Sivertling, Steve Miller, Jason Suffler, Troy Pleasants, Chris Kilmore, Chad Rosenberger, Burt Giner, Tom Sarup and Jim Irwin are all defenders or mid fielders who combined to keep opponents out of the Northern's net. Several times each keeper played one half of a contest, and on occasion Walton would send goal the entire game. It takes an unselfish team player to share his position and the senior program will miss their two seniors next year.

Seven fans can catch three Polar Bears in their final high school action in the Senior All Star Game. Mevie Ceo, Drew Sivertling and Andy Spicher have been selected for the game which will be played at Carlisle High School on November 14, 1990 at 6:15 p.m.

Books by Ralph Hollenbeck

THE POETS OF TIN PAN ALLEY by Philip Furia (Oxford Univ. Press $22.95)

THE HARPER HISTORY OF OPERA & OPERETTA by James Anderson (Harper Collins $35.00)

"Who wrote "Blue Tuesday?" If named the immediate response from most would be Dinah Washington. They'd had a big year, some disappointments like not winning any awards, but it was surely a successful season."

Season end statistics show that the Bears outscored their opposition [illegible] Mid Penn Division III record 11-2-1, regular season record 14-1-1 (their lone tie and sixth playoffs 15-3-1).

Leading scorer was Ceo with 16 goals followed by sophomore Kyle Heim with 14 goals. Junior Joel Yohn added 10 goals, while senior Andy Spicher contributed a team leading 11 assists with his 8 goals.

Not many teams have the good fortune of Northern at the keeper position. Often squads have a quality player to guard the net. The Bears had the pleasure to have two. Mike Walton and Eric Sanderson both assisted. Although Sanderson had the edge in total playing time, Walton shared the spotlight in the net. Several times each keeper played one half of a contest, and on occasion Walton would send goal the entire game. It takes an unselfish team player to share his position and the senior program will miss their two seniors next year.

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